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RÉNAI SHOKA





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The
Feeling of
Spring and
Askura?

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PRESENTED BY YAMAZAKI KORE *



One of the books he was looking for just came in, so I wanted to send it over.

Wow! It's for one of our regulars from back when my father ran the shop.



You want me to deliver something?



So anyway! would you mind doing me a favor and taking this over to him?



He doesn't visit the shop?



Well, he's getting along in the years, so...







But more
importantly...



Yeah



Come to
think of it,
I live in this
town but I've
never come
this way.

Kanako's really
got a cruel side,
making a shut-in
like me bike up
this hill...

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This uphill
road goes on
forever!

when
does it
end?



Fine,
whatever,
let's keep
going!





It's like
I don't even
live here.



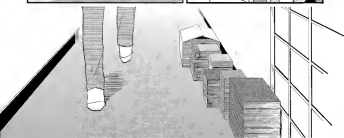
I didn't know
there was
a field this
high up.





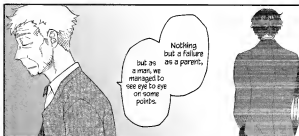














The cherry blossom tree out in the garden has bloomed beautifully. Why don't you enjoy the view while you catch your breathe?

You're tired from making your way up the hill, aren't you?



Old people have a way of shooting you into doing what they want.

...Sometime I ended up sitting on the porch looking at cherry blossoms...





hee hee



















Over the
Snow to You



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Hah.



Umm...
Hello?

May I please
speak to
Miss, umm.
Nanao?



It's you,
eh?



Haha
haha!

I guess
I should be
thankful that
I gave into my
curiosity...

That
book of his
note.



Well,
anyway,
I can guess
why you're
calling.



Found the
number I left in
that book, eh?
Took you long
enough to
open it.

How could
it not? I mean,
look at it.





Karako got
a letter from
her father.



Umm.

Okay, I see.
I know what's
going on.
But
fill me in
anyway.



...I knew
it'd be
him.



Nothing to be
surprised about.
The father has a
huge role in the
forming of a
girl's psyche.

Uh huh...



Well, to be precise
it was a letter
addressed to one
of her father's
acquaintances...

I met him
once when
we were in
college.



*I hated
him.*

...Miss
Nanao?



If you want to
know what's
eating at her,
ask her
yourself.

but i'm not
going to.

...Okay, look.
I could tell you
how to work
around her and
coddle her,





You're supposed to be Kanako's husband, aren't you?

Her lover!



The basis of study is in preparation and review. And if you don't understand after giving it some thought, just ask here!



Don't rely on other people to do your work for you!

yeah



What're you hesitating for?



Someone who's way closer to Kanako than I am.









"Look, the snow is falling. Look, the snow is freezing," the children cheered.



Ah, it's Over the Snow.

"Even the sky looked like nothing more than a smooth slab of blue stone."

"The snow fell in big clumps."

"freezing harder than marble."



"The sun was shining like a bright white fire, spreading the smell of rain everywhere, with the snow twinkled and shimmered."



poaf

"Even the trees twinkled, as though they'd been sprinkled with great chunks of sugar."



"Could there ever be a more amazing day than this?"



"Look, the snow is falling. Look, the snow is freezing."



"Shiro and Karko made their way across the icy plain, their little snowshoes going crunch, crunch, crunch."



* Frost 雪 (Yuki) (Over the Snow) by Miyazaki Kenta.



"Then the flake was again, and the cover grew brighter, as though..."

snuff





My father
never met
my eyes
again.



...Now
I'm starting
to forget
the sound of
his voice.



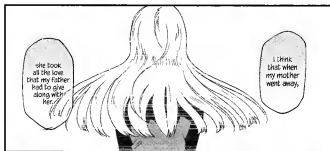
...Do you
want to?

I don't
know.



It's something
you just can't
put behind you,
no matter how
hard you try.

After I graduated
from college, we've
been making do with
just phone calls, and
haven't met since.



I still don't
know what
love is.

I...



"I really like you"
somehow feels
more sincere.

It's overused
because of its
convenience, and
because of that
weakened its
meaning.

The word "love"
is such a
boring thing.

And the word
to express
that emotion...

skreh



my heart
clenches at
the thought
of something
happening
to her.

But when
I see her so
weakened,

*Surely couldn't
be something so
weak as "like."*



*I guess
there are things
you'll never
find out through
reading.*





I still
don't know
the right
words to say
to you.







Sorry
to drop in
on you
so late.

But hey,
look what
I've got
here.



What
will you
decide.

Akio?



Long time
no see,
kiddo!

R-Runtie
Hando?!



Here, you
can have him.
Consider it
a gift.

It's my
no good
recluse of a
brother!



Don't
sympathize
with him,
Rido.



Dad...?



Hear my prayer, O Lord.

And give ear to my cry;
Do not be silent at my tears.



He who fathered
the forsaken David
shall come to stand
before you.

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After a
Father
Comes
Calm



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I left
Kyoko
because
I was sick
of dealing
with it!

Oh, Aoi!
Sorry about
that.



We both know
that otherwise
you'd just sit
around nearby
and then give up
and go back home
to mope for days,
just like you
always do.

Ever consider
how it feels like
to be the one
answering questions
from the rest of
the family every
time you do
that?!



We'll be out of
your hair in an
hour. We have to
catch the last
train out.

...Yeah.

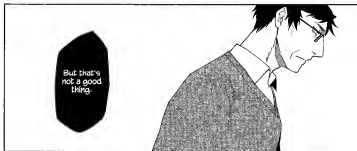


You're
the one
who—

BLURGH

Takashi just
loves to drop by
unannounced.







Besides,
it's not like
you've got any
room to talk
when it comes
to age gaps in
marriages.



...He looks
like he should
still be in
school.

That's
because
he is. But
Konako's
got it
under control.

Wait, don't
tell
me you've picked
of all times now
to try being
a father?



...Teachers
are human
beings,
too.



and then
one day
whoops,
you got
married!

What were
you even
drinking?
She was your
student.

There
was what,
a ten year
gap between
you two?

ha
ahaha

We waited
until we
graduated!



Kanakoooooo
come save mee!

Op



Why'd you
leave me here
with them



Mr. Itou.
Have you
gotten per-
mission from
your parents
to be living
like this?



...Young
man.



Sorry.
Umm, my
name is Akio.
Itou Akio.

Oh.







hmm...



it seems
that the two
of you have
similar back
grounds.



Do you
realize
that?



...it's
pity that
moves
you.

Or maybe
you're
just licking
each others'
wounds.

...Is it wrong
to pity
someone?



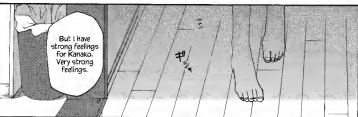
Even I
don't know if
what we have
can be called
love.

But...



Is it wrong
to start there,
and move
forward?

Is it wrong
to find
comfort by
comforting
someone
else?



But I have strong feelings for Kanako. Very strong feelings.



...I heard that most of these books are ones that you collected.

You did it because you like books, right?

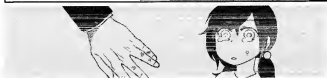


But does there need to be a reason to keep liking them?

There may be a reason you came to like them.









You don't
have to see
me out.

Now,
it's time
for me
to go.



...Come
visit us in
the country-
side some
day.



Your
grandmother
is lonely.





I turned
my back
on her once
before.



I don't
expect that
she'd be willing
to try loving
me again.



*An idiot,
and arrogant,
and a liar,
and selfish.*



You're
such a
goddamn
idiot,
Takashi.















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The Life and
Normal Adventures
of Three Boys



**FUTARI NO
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NINTH EPISODE

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Oh, them...
Yeah, I re-
member...

My sisters'd
have me doing
their chores if
they saw me so
I had to get
out of there
early.

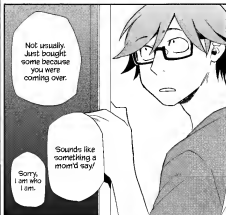


















Today, yeah.
I usually drop
by every time
I get paid for
my part-
time.



Did you
come by
yourself? Do
you come
often?



...Would you
like to have
dinner together?
It's a little lonely
now that I think
about it.

Oh, really?
That'd be
awesome!



Hmm...

I didn't expect you'd be so real hiding it for me. You always complain about it.

It's right here.

Stop looking for porn!

Funny, there's something that should be here, but isn't.



Still don't like it

Never mind then.

Not my style.

Go ahead and read if you want.



Well see, we're tall, unlike you, so we get a free pass.

WHAAAP!

Don't they check your age or anything?!

Hey, come to think of it, what're you guys doing buying stuff like that anyway?







This isn't
an anime,
people actually
lock doors
when they're
bathing!

Have you
never even
walked in on
her bathing or
anything?!



I wake up and
make breakfast,
then pick a lunch,
then I wake up Kaito
and leave for school
and then I come home
and help her with work
and then we eat dinner
and then we read
some books and
go to sleep!

D'you
know how
my days
go?!

It's totally
G-rated! It's
so decent it's
indecent!



My sisters
are both such
jerks all I can
do is dream of
having a kind
and gentle
girlfriend...

Why
wouldn't
I be?!

I didn't
think you
were such a
dreamer,
Yuu.



With
Yuzugi?!

What about
you, Teichi? You've been
going out with
Sakamoto, right?



I just want
a girl who's
nice to me.
I don't care
about any-
thing else.

She could
pick her nose
and fart for
all I care.

Realistic,
aren't you?

He's the
kind of guy
who'd live
under his
wife's thumb
for sure.

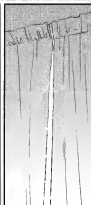






Sometimes,
just words
won't cut it.





Take
the lead,
huh...



Ummm,
hi.



How about
you take the
first step
for once?



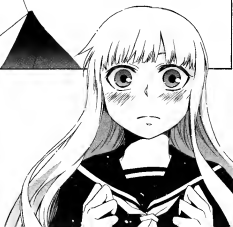
Oh, Akio/
You're back!







*I still remember
her blushing face.*

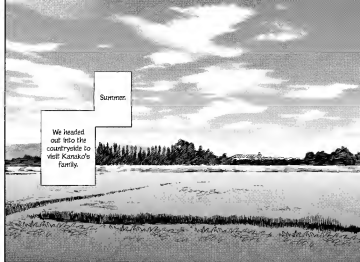


Chapter 10

The Story of Summer
and Her and Him



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futari no renai shoka



Summer.

We headed
out into the
countryside to
visit Kanako's
family.

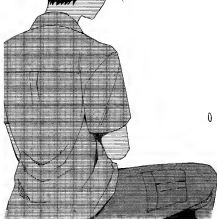


Wow...

I'm glad
it's not
cloudy
today.







I guess...

*Everyone
is afraid of
reopening
old wounds.*

*Even though
there are times
when you need to
do just that to
start healing.*

























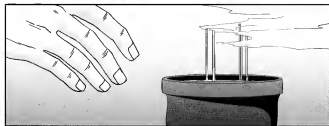












榎野宏

...Under-
neath
here...





I'm old.
You could
have looked
for someone
your own
age.

Why did you
choose me?



Hinako.



Honestly/
That again?

Oook...



I thought
you were
amazing,
from the
moment
I met you.



Have you ever
had a book you
couldn't help but
flip through what
you remembered it?
A book you kept
coming back to,
over and over
again?



That's
what
you are
to me.

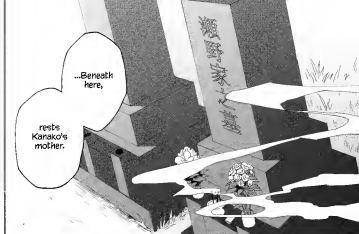
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Confession of the Declining Sun.

斜陽の告白

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...Beneath
here,

rests
Kanakō's
mother.



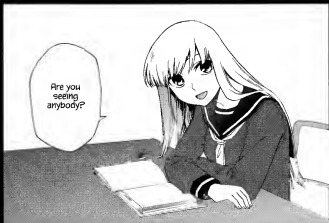
There's
not enough
space in
the village
cemetery,
so we
laid her
to rest
here.



She was one
of Mr. Sano's
students,
wasn't she...

We waited
until she







...I can't
believe you
sometimes.



You're such
a kind man.



and get
a feel for the
tone of the
writing. Some-
times I'll have
already made
up my mind
by then.

If I haven't,
then I read a
little more, and
if I don't like it,
I close the
book. If I
like it, I keep
reading.



In my
case,

I look at
the title
first. Then
I open up
the book,



Mr. Seno,
how do you
decide that
you like a
book?





Mr. Sero,
to me you're
like a book.
I wish would
never end.



Haha.



Even now...
I still don't
know what she
was thinking,
sometimes.



She simply
fluttered at
the edges of
my vision...
Even now.



In the end,
she was the only
one I could
open myself
up for.



I had nothing
left for Kansho.
I'm her father and
all I could do was
turn my back
and run away.

Living in
this village
where Hinako
left me for-
ever was too
much to
bear.



*Still blinding
in her beauty.*



Years have
passed and
I failed to
grow at all.







...I'm
sorry.

But it's
something
that I thought
you needed
to realize.



Just talk
to her.



...But even
then, I only
have one mother
in the whole
world. Only
one father.



I have
family,
too.

I have a
mother, and a
father. They only
send me money.
I almost never
see them.

I don't
even know if
I love them
anymore.



You're far
more mature
than I am,
aren't you.



Even if
they died,
or I did.

And it will
stay that way,
even if the world
were to end
tomorrow.



Or I'm just
really good
at acting
like it.





And
Kanao,
too.



We're all
broken in
some way,
aren't we.



You
and I.



You're
right...

How do you
fix something
that's been
broken?

*I suppose
it's not too late
to try and
find out.*

We should
take back
the sword
we brought
with us.

Otherwise
the bears
and foxes
will eat
them.

The animal
kingdom...



Look,
there's
a fox.















...You're just
as unbelievable
as she was.



To tell
the truth,

*I don't know
what Kanako's father
said to her.*



All I know is,



*when I saw
her face as she
came back,*





*her smile was
bright like the sun,
as though a great
weight had been
lifted from her
shoulders.*



*And that
was enough
for me.*



...I guess
I could at least
text them.



eh...



I'm glad
you were able
to do it,

Kanako.





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或るふたりの瞬間
a moment of a certain pair

ふたりの恋愛書架



Don't mention it, we've got rooms to spare.

Thank you for letting me stay the night here.



Wanna drink?

I'm still under-age...



Well, yeah.
You said
something to Takashi,
I hear.



Savior?!

Besides,
how could we
ever send our
savior home
without a show
of thanks?



but you
managed
to get him
to open up
to Kanako.
It's pretty
amazing.

And when
I say something,
I mean something.
Nothing we ever
said had any
effect on him.



And that's
great.

Sometimes
the words of
a stranger hit
the closest
to home.

All I did was
lose my temper
and blurt what-
ever came to
mind.

Thanks,
Akio.



Weird what?
What're
you talking
about?

Hey!

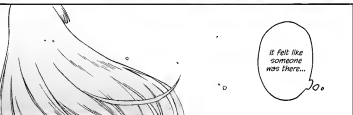
Uncle,
are you
persuading
him to try
weird
stuff?

Akio?

That
really stuck
with you,
huh...

That
was actually
really gross
Kenta

Do you think
I've forgotten
how you gave me
cherry blossom
seeds and told
me they were
cherries?











"The hill was covered with bristly grass, and in the middle of it,

"There was a little hill.



"there stood a lovely female birch tree.



Myazawa Kenji: The Earth God and the Fox.



"In May she bore flowers like the wishest clouds, and in the autumn months..."



"She was not a large tree,

"but her bark shone black like onyx, and her branches fanned beautifully about her.



His words are simple but at the same time so detailed. His scenes spring to life inside your head.

He's amazing at describing nature, isn't he?

This is all I'm good at.

Good memory.



...Whoever read his prose would imagine the same thing in their head.



even long after they pass away.

Books can transport the thoughts of their authors far into the future.



And maybe that's why...

Maybe that's why we found ourselves drawn to them so powerfully.

And that goes for Katsuko as well, huh?



You don't need a reason to love something, right?

Right.



...Well spoken.

Thank you. Though honestly, if you want the real reason, it's just because I like them.



...Yes, it does.









Come to think of it, what did he say to you?



No, I don't know about this and that.

Guy talk... I guess. You know this and that.

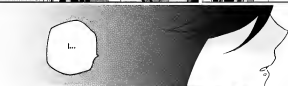
Well, umm.



If you won't tell me, then I don't see why I should tell you!













*Take care of
my daughter,*

okay?



*It's been
a few years
since that
memorable
summer.*





Karako's
still running
her book-
store, same
as always.



I got a job
at a small
publishing
company.

I'm making
a living,
I suppose.



Wow, it's
amazing!
I love it!

I know you
said you're leaving
the reception at
home, but there's
nothing wrong
with looking
the part.



How's this
as a welcome
board for your
wedding?



We're making
our way
through life,
together.



Sometimes
leaning on
our friends
for help.



the two
of us.

I'm home.





I've got
something
I want to
show you.

But the more
things change,
the more they
stay the same.



What
is it?

*The two of us
are here, on the
bookshelf of
our lives.*



Thank you
so much
for reading
volume 2!

Hello everyone.
It's me, Yamazaki.
It's been a while,
hasn't it.



2005-*

They might
have a cut,
Roo might be
worried about his
job, they might
squabble over
little things.

I'm sure they'll
continue on
together in their
happy ever
after, somehow
or other.

To be honest,
I'm a bit of a
sniper like this.



Their happy end
is, in a way, all
thanks to you,
dear readers.

Many things
happened in
this final volume.
Kanako's past/
Her childhood
trauma and its
clearing/ Aiko
manned up!



Oh, by the way,
I'm also doing work
under the name
"Yamato Midou."
Just remember
the name if you
ever see it, please!
I'll be ever so
grateful!

I'm busy
with stuff in
the teaching
game.

Red again,
thank you
for reading
volume two!

Goodbye/
See you again
someday!



I'm sure that
Teach and Gao-
moto had their fair
share of troubles
in coming together,
and of course poor
Yuu found his
dream girl to
boon him
around.

There's a
story for all the
supporting cast
as well, but I kept
most of it out
of this story.

Every so often
I'd see stuff on
the web like "Kanako
is so cute!" or "I'm
so jealous of Aiko!"
and suddenly I'd be
so happy, you can't
even imagine.

There's nothing
quite like having
someone say
they adore your
children, you
know?

